

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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H.R. 743, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections. Signed on March 2, 2004. (Public Law 108–203).

S. 523, to make technical corrections to law relating to Native Americans. Signed on March 2, 2004. (Public Law 108–204).

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 4, 2004**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion, to hold oversight hearings to examine the development of a national animal identification plan, 2 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the General Accounting Office, the Government Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office, 11 a.m., SD–116.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold open and closed hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2005, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements (closed in SH–219), 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine compensation, benefits, and health care for active and Reserve military personnel and their families in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to mark up the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rhonda Keenum, of Mississippi, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Services, Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer, Department of

Transportation, W. Douglas Buttrey, of Tennessee, and Francis Mulvey, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the Energy Information Administration (EIA) Annual Energy Outlook 2004 forecast regarding the supply, demand, and price projections for oil, natural gas, nuclear, coal and renewable sources, including commercial and market perspectives on the state of oil and natural gas markets, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine new nuclear power generation in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 2144, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2005, for the Peace Corps for fiscal year 2005 through 2007, for foreign assistance programs for fiscal year 2005, S. 2096, to promote a free press and open media through the National Endowment for Democracy, S. 2127, to build operational readiness in civilian agencies, Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on November 6, 2003, together with a Protocol and an exchange of notes (the “Convention”) (Treaty Doc. 108–14), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Colombo on March 14, 1985, together with an exchange of notes, signed at Washington on September 20, 2002 (the “Protocol”) (Treaty Doc. 108–09), the Protocol Additional to the Agreement Between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America, with annexes, signed at Vienna June 12, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 107–07), and the nominations of Feliciano Foyo, of Florida, and Robert Hurley McKinney, of Indiana, each to be a Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting, Edward E. Kaufman, of Delaware, and Steven J. Simmons, of Connecticut, each to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, Glyn T. Davies, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Political Director for the United States Presidency of the G–8, and Sanford Gottesman, of Texas, Diane M. Ruebling, of California, C. William Swank, of Ohio, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and Richard S. Williamson, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the state of democracy in Hong Kong, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine issues for reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Henry W. Saad, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, William James Haynes II, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Raymond W. Gruender, of Missouri, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Franklin S. Van Antwerpen, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Diane S. Sykes, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Judith C. Herrera, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, F. Dennis Saylor IV, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Sandra L. Townes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Louis Guirola, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, Virginia E. Hopkins, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Kenneth M. Karas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Ricardo S. Martinez, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Gene E. K. Pratter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Neil Vincent Wake, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, William S. Duffey, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, James L. Robart, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Juan R. Sanchez, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Lawrence F. Stengel, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and Michele M. Leonhart, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement, Domingo S. Herraiz, of Ohio, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, LaFayette Collins, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas, and Ronald J. Tenpas, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, all of the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Jewish War Veterans, and the Blinded Veterans Association, 10 a.m., 345 CHOB.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: to hold hearings to examine the current status of federal efforts to coordinate and combat money laundering and terrorist financing, 2 p.m., SD-215.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-

tion and Related Agencies, on Marketing and Regulatory Programs, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, HUD and Independent Agencies, on EPA, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Military Construction Budget Request for the Programs of the Department of the Army and the Department of the Navy, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Aviation Industrial Base and Department of Defense Rotorcraft Investment Programs, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request—Department of Defense Responsibilities in Homeland Defense and Homeland Security Missions, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Education Reform, to mark up H.R. 3873, Child Nutrition Improvement and Integrity Act, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Prescription Drug Monitoring: Strategies to Promote Treatment and Deter Prescription Drug Abuse," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review of Security DOE Nuclear Facilities and the Implementation of the Revised Design Basis Threat," 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3059, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 304 West Michigan Street in Stuttgart, Arkansas, as the "Lloyd L. Burke Post Office;" H.R. 3723, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8135 Forest Lane in Dallas, Texas, as the "Vaughn Gross Post Office Building;" and H.R. 3855, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 607 Pershing Drive in Laclede, Missouri, as the "General John J. Pershing Post Office;" followed by a hearing entitled "America's New Welcome Mat: A Look at the Goals and Challenges of the US-VISIT Program," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on The United States Government Strategy for Fighting HIV/

AIDS: Implementation of Public Law 108–25, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on Alien Removal Under “Operation Predator,” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard and Federal Maritime Commission Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Requests, and on the Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2005 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; followed by a hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2005 Budget for the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Terror Threats, 10 a.m., and, executive, hearing on Detainee Information Update, 1 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism and the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security, joint hearing entitled “The Department of Homeland Security’s Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2005,” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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